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E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. STATE 171020 APPARENTLY CROSSED WITH MOSCOW 15706. WE ARE NOW WORKING WITH CUSTOMS ON THIS MATTER AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT LATTER WILL CLEAR IN COURTYARD. IF CUSTOMS INSISTS THAT WE MOVE CONTAINERS TO FRONT OF EMBASSY, THIS CAN BE DONE JULY 10 AT EARLIEST, SINCE WE MUST BRING FINNISH TRUCK DRIVER FROM HELSINKI TO MOVE THE CONTAINERS OUT OF COURTYARD.

2. RECOMMEND THAT LUERS TELL VASEV THAT WE EXPECT CLEWIYNCE NO LATER THAN JULY 10 AND THAT IF WE MUST OPEN THE CONTAINERS IT WILL BE UNDER FORMAL PROTEST WITH POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS FOR SOVIET INSTALLATIONS IN U.S. LATER. HE SHOULD NOT, RPT NOT, AT THIS TIME THREATEN OPENING CONTAINERS WITHOUT SOVIET CUSTOMS CLEARANCE. (ALTHOUGH WE HAVE THIS OPTION FOR POSSIBLE USE LATER IF ALL ELSE FAILS, SUCH A THREAT IS PREMATURE NOW.)

3. WHEN VASEV IS IN, LUERS MAY WISH TO EXPRESS GRAVE
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CONCERN FOR FAILURE OF SOVIETS TO MEET EVEN REVISED DEADLINES ON APARTMENTS, WAREHOUSE AND DACHA AND REMIND HIM THAT SOVIETS WERE ALLOWED TO PROCEED WITH MT. ALTO HOUSING CONSTRUCTION IN RETURN FOR THESE COMMITMENTS, WHICH ARE NOW IN INCREASINGLY SERIOUS ARREARS. TOON

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